



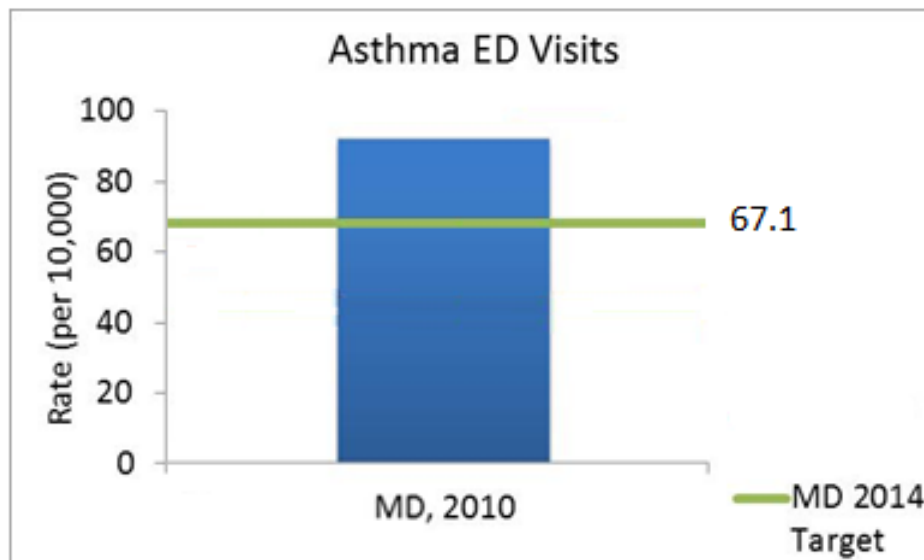
## Vision Area 3: Safe Physical Environments

### Objective 17: Reduce hospital emergency department visits due to asthma

Asthma is a chronic health condition which causes very serious breathing problems. When properly controlled through close outpatient medical supervision, individuals and families can manage their asthma without costly emergency intervention. In Maryland, there are nearly 50,000 emergency department visit related to asthma each year. A reduction in asthma-related hospital emergency department visits can signify improvements in asthma management.

#### Statistics and Goals

Measure: Rate of emergency department visits due to asthma (per 100,000 population)



Source: National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission

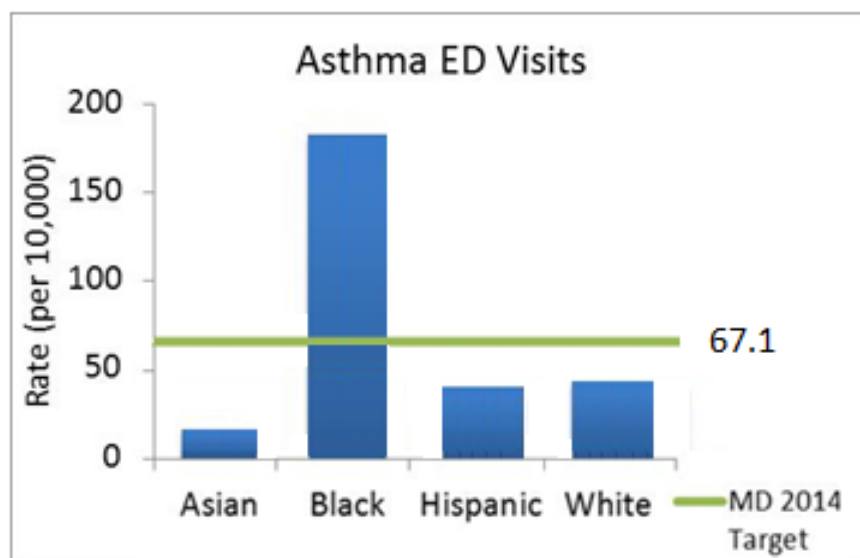
National Baseline	Maryland Baseline	Healthy People 2020 Target	Maryland 2014 Target
N/A	85.0	N/A	67.1

Go to Healthy People  
2020 Objective

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## Disparities in Maryland

Rate of emergency department visits due to asthma (per 100,000 population) by race/ethnicity



Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	MD 2014 Target
17.0	181.8	39.1	41.3	67.1

Source: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, 2010 - Race and Hispanic origin are reported separately. Data for persons of Hispanic origin are included in these data for each race group according to self-reported race. Rates based on counts less than twenty are not presented due to instability

For more disparities information...